

Claims 5-13 were objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form. The Examiner has made this objection in error. A Preliminary Amendment which was filed concurrently with the above identified application amended the claims to eliminate multiple dependencies. Accordingly this objection has been mooted by the Preliminary Amendment.

Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. This rejection has been mooted by the cancellation of claim 14.

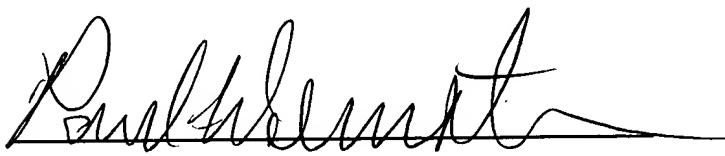
Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Castaneda et al. (US 5596487). The Castaneda patent is not concerned with replacable covers but rather is directed to a shielding approach. Castaneda does not teach or suggest a radiotelephone with a replaceable second housing or that the key unit is free to move with respect to the first housing when the second housing is released from attachment with the first housing. In Castaneda the key unit is secured to the housing. The approach of applicant's invention allows easy replacement of the second housing to change, for example, the appearance of the housing. The key pad being easily removable also allows it to be easily changed, if one desired to change the number of keys or their shape or their arrangement.

Claims 5-13 were not further treated on the merits and therefore are believed to be in condition for allowance. All of the claims as now drawn are believed to be patentable over Castaneda and their allowance is respectfully solicited.

Applicant hereby petitions for a three (3) month extension of time in which to file this Response. A check in the amount of \$870.00 is enclosed to cover this amount. Please charge our deposit account 16-1350 any additional fees necessitated by the Response, including any needed extension of time.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issue remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' Attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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